

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 438
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary
of Allison Boats.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those small businesses and business professionals that have reached an extraordinary level of success and distinguished themselves as business and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, locally owned and operated small businesses are vitally important to the history and economy of this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Allison Boats is one such estimable family-owned small business that has reached an extraordinary level of success by combining hard work, forward-thinking boat designs, and entrepreneurial creativity; and

WHEREAS, founded by Paul Allison on the banks of Fort Loudon Lake in Blount County, Tennessee, Allison Boats will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on June 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a builder of originally designed bass and sport boats, Allison Boats handcrafts 150 to 200 boats a year; and

WHEREAS, Paul Allison has invented and developed many boat design innovations that have become standard boat manufacturing features throughout the boating industry; he invented the pad v-bottom boat, and he was the first to “cup” a propeller; and

WHEREAS, Darris Allison, the son of Paul Allison, used one of his dad’s discarded boat molds to develop the first high performance bass boat in 1970, an invention that has grown into a billion dollar industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, the Allison’s single engine design became the first to achieve the 100 miles per hour pleasure boating record; Paul Allison also designed the stabilizer wing being used on offshore racing and performance boats today; and

WHEREAS, Allison Boats also received the first patent on an outboard hull design for bass boats and has continued to improve and patent new hull designs; and

WHEREAS, holding numerous patents in marine design and utility, Allison Boats is truly one of a handful of boat companies that does its own original design and produces hand-laid boat hulls put together by experienced tradesmen; and

WHEREAS, with nine bass, sport, racing, and sport utility boat models, Allison Boats is the gold standard for high performance, quality-built boats; and

WHEREAS, Allison Boats epitomizes all that is good in today's small business, as they have achieved the highest level of boatmaking excellence, while evidencing great commitment to the needs of customers; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to seize this golden opportunity to specially honor the employees and family of Allison Boats as they celebrate fifty years of boat manufacturing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the Allison family and all the employees of Allison Boats upon their celebration of a half-century of outstanding boatmaking and entrepreneurial success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.